

tricular strain is confusing from the standpoint of attempting to differentiate the latter from ischemia or subendocardial infarction. The sections on ventricular hypertrophy are well-written, although the diagnosis of left ventricular hypertrophy with left bundle branch block is a controversial one. Other minor issues relate to the continuing usage of the confusing terms of peri-infarction and arborization or parietal block, the propriety of diagnosing left anterior hemiblock in the presence of left bundle branch block, and the omission of newer concepts of sequence of ventricular depolarization.

The author presents a sound discussion of coronary heart disease with classical references. In general his bibliography is well-selected in relation to basic material but lacks the newer references relating to hemiblock or to His bundle electrograms.

Arrhythmias and pediatric electrocardiography are minimally presented, but such was the intent of the author. With the exception of these two drawbacks, this book represents a practical, inclusive, and well-organized atlas of electrocardiography with excellent tracings and informative discussion in sufficient detail of most of the basic problems encountered in clinical electrocardiography. Dr. Littmann's approach is a classic and wise one which should prove most helpful for the medical student and young physician, but also will serve a useful purpose for the internist and cardiologist. However, it would be hoped that in the next edition the newer concepts pertaining to His bundle electrograms and A-V conduction would be included.

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**CURRENT PSYCHIATRIC THERAPIES—An Annual Publication—Volume II—1971**—Edited by Jules H. Masserman, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, Northwestern University, Chicago. Grune & Stratton, Inc., 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City (10003), 1971. 224 pages, \$14.00.

This eleventh volume of *Current Psychiatric Therapies* fulfills the same functions as its predecessors: it presents a number (27) of brief articles, each of which deals with a new or reconsidered approach to psychiatric problems. None of the articles is sufficient to describe the approach in detail; each can serve to alert the reader to the existence of the approach and suggest readings to develop a wider understanding. The book, then, is of heuristic, rather than substantive, value, and it succeeds in this aim. The articles are of generally good quality, especially those of Colby on Computers in Treatment of Autistic Children, Catanzaro on Telephone Therapy, Horowitz on Art Therapy, Hollender on Marital Therapy, Mathis on Group Therapy for Exhibitionists, and Seeman on Multimodal Group Therapy, and Felder on Partial Hospitalization. The price of \$14.00 is excessive.

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**URINARY TRACT INFECTION AND ITS MANAGEMENT**—Edited by Donald Kaye, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Medicine, The Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The C. V. Mosby Company, 11830 Westline Industrial Drive, St. Louis, Mo. (63141), 1972. 290 pages, \$22.50.

This relatively slim volume contains a great deal of well-organized and clearly presented information and advice relating to this very challenging problem. There are thirteen authors who individually and collectively contribute the best current knowledge of the classification, pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of urinary tract infection. The well-defined and succinctly written chapters are competently edited by Donald Kaye who in addition contributes some of the most important material.

The reviewer has been most favorably impressed by

the thoroughness with which the newer diagnostic procedures and therapeutic attitudes are presented. The immunological aspects of urinary tract response are given due consideration. There is also some mention of the recent and continuing very exciting work by Fair and Stamey on the immune substance found in the prostate. The difficult challenge of asymptomatic bacteriuria is gone into and the importance of this problem is evaluated in relation to age and other factors.

This work represents the approach and attitudes of non-surgeons with the sole exception of the chapter by John McGovern. He discusses the question of "surgery in the management of patients with urinary tract infections." However he directs most of his attention to this problem in children. Perhaps he felt that obstructive infectious urinary problems in the adult would demand a urological consultation, and discussion here would be redundant. It is the opinion of this reviewer that some further emphasis on the importance of the female urethra in relation to recurrent infection might be distinctly valuable. Beyond this one point there would seem to be very little room for criticism.

This volume is highly recommended for the internist and general practitioner and the urologist as well. It might well be a "must" for the medical student.

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**GENERAL UROLOGY—Seventh Edition**—Donald R. Smith, MD, Professor of Urology and Chairman of the Division of Urology, University of California, San Francisco, Consulting Urologist, San Francisco General Hospital, Consulting Surgeon (Urology), Veterans Administration Hospital, San Francisco. Lange Medical Publications, Drawer L, Los Altos, Ca. (94022), 1972. 436 pages, \$8.50.

Dr. Donald Smith, Professor of Urology at the University of California, San Francisco, has "done it again." The seventh edition of his classic paperback, *General Urology* is a gem and a *must* for all medical students and urological residents. At the beginning of the year with each new group of medical students, I always tell them Smith's book is their "Bible," and that if they know everything that is in it, they will know a great deal more than most urologists do.

In 31 carefully written chapters he covers the entire field of clinical urology. The organization is excellent; and as usual, the index and the references are clear and up-to-date. The new section on Radioisotopic Kidney Studies by Powell and Weiss is a valuable addition.

The illustrations, in clearly understood black-and-white line drawings, are excellent; and the reproduction of x-ray films is superior for a book of this sort. The fact that this text has been translated into Spanish and German, and is now being edited for French, Greek, Portuguese and Polish editions, speaks for its usefulness. It is a great and useful handbook of general urology.

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**PEDIATRICS—Fifteenth Edition**—Editor: Henry L. Barnett, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Bronx, New York; Co-Editor: Arnold H. Einhorn, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Deputy Director of Pediatrics, Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Bronx, Visiting Professor of Pediatrics, University Children's Hospital, University of Bern, Switzerland. Appleton-Century-Crofts, Educational Division, Meredith Corporation, 440 Park Avenue South, New York City (10016), 1972. 2,070 pages, \$26.50.

This represents the 15th Edition of Holt's *Diseases of Infancy and Childhood*, a complete and authoritative textbook of pediatrics which originally appeared in 1896. The editors have been joined by an increasing number of contributors with each edition, and more than 200 authorities have participated in the preparation of this volume. This reflects the increasing complexity and sub-